GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3296
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WEAPONS RECOVERED BY ARMY
Bose Shri Subrata

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of weapons recovered/seized by the Army in North Eastern Region of the country during the last two years, till date and the mode adopted for their use/disposal;

(b) the steps taken to ensure proper control of these weapons and to check their misuse;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted as to how such weapons are finding their way to these States; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3296 FOR 24.3.2005

The details of weapons recovered/seized in the North Eastern States by Army/Assam Rifles troops during the last two years and till 15th March 2005 are as follows:

Year	No. of weapons
2003	915
2004	712
2005 (Till 15th March 2005)	260

The weapons recovered/seized by Army and Assam Rifles are produced before the police station on a seizure memorandum along with First Information Report. The seized weapons are retained in custody of the Assam Rifles or the Army designated armories till such time as they are required to be produced in the court as evidence. After completion of court proceedings, the seized weapons are deposited in Narangi Cantonment of Assam. Thereafter, such weapons are sent to Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur. While unserviceable weapons are destroyed, serviceable weapons are released to different units for use. Some non-service pattern weapons are also issued to service personnel on payment based on individual's application and procurement of weapon's licence.

The assessment by intelligence agencies reveals that the arms are illegally smuggled into the North Eastern Region from various sources including those located in some of the neighbouring countries based on which the Government has taken several steps to prevent flow of such arms into the region.